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Comments: Hello,

My name is Duncan and I'm a grad student at the University of New Mexico. I moved here last summer to start my PhD and a couple reasons why I wanted to continue my education here in New Mexico are the beautiful natural landscape and the unique culture of New Mexico which is shaped and continues to be shaped by the Indigenous community. That being said, the proposed project of building a mountain rollercoaster within the Cibola National Forest directly conflicts with the wishes of the Pueblo peoples living in the Albuquerque area who have lived on this land for centuries before the Spanish and American empires colonized and stole it. This forest is sacred to the Pueblo people and to build something as opulent as a rollercoaster on such a revered site is not only incredibly disrespectful to the original inhabitants of this land and the forest itself but is also a poor use of public funds that could go toward housing and aid for Indigenous people, who have been among the most impacted by COVID-19 in the so-called "United States". I strongly encourage those who are evaluating this proposal to not support or fund this project and respect the forest that you supposedly work to preserve.

Thank you for your time,

Duncan